

## GROVER HUGHES IS EASY WINNER

Takes Lead at Start and Finishes Several Lengths in Front.

Jacksonville, Fla., December 12.—Grover Hughes, neglected in the betting at 12 to 1, won the feature of today's card at Monierle, a handicap at six furlongs, for two-year-olds. He took the lead at the start, and was never in trouble, winning easily by several lengths in the fast time of 1:12 3-5.

A new track record was made in the fifth race, when Matline stepped six and a half furlongs in 1:21 2-5. First race—purse \$400, two-year-olds, six furlongs—Beris (7 to 2), first; Pershiser (8 to 1), second; Spin (4 to 1), third, time, 1:13 3-5.

Second race—selling, \$400, two-year-olds, five and a half furlongs—Monte-ro (6 to 1), first; Trustee (12 to 1), second; Red Bob (2 to 1), third, time, 1:07 3-5.

Third race—handicap, \$400, two-year-olds, six furlongs—Grover Hughes (12 to 1), first; Via Octavia (5 to 2), second; Jack Denman (8 to 1), third, time, 1:12 3-5.

Fourth race—purse \$500, all ages, mile and a sixteenth—Mary Davis (5 to 1), first; Sandbar (6 to 1), second; Sandhill (3 to 1), third, time, 1:46 2-5.

Fifth race—\$400, three-year-olds and up, 1 1/2 and a half furlongs—Matline (6 to 1), first; Colonel Ashmeade (5 to 1), second; Stenman (5 to 2), third, time, 1:48.

As pointed out before in The Times-Dispatch, the Building Inspector has no objections to the use of the hall, provided the soldiers take such means as he has suggested to protect the city's property. He wants the electric lights and the windows so guarded as to prevent breakage. If this is done he will withdraw his objections, and the game can go on.

It would indeed be a pity were the basketball games stopped at this time. The preparations have been made, a coach employed and a league formed. There are some mighty good athletes among the members of the crack military organization, and good games would have been the result. Certainly there is nothing but to be gained by the men more than a game of basketball. It is one of the few sports which is free from danger and at the same time develops the physical well-being of the men.

While the action of the Building Inspector put a stop to the games for the time being, it did not lessen the enthusiasm of the prospective athletes. They have been looking forward to the time when the ban would be raised and they could get back on the floor. It seems probable that even if basketball is inhibited, the track team will be put through the paces. The soldiers are determined to have some sport during the winter, and they will spend all of their surplus energy on the track.

## WHITE SLAVE CASES DISMISSED BY COURT

Judge Instructs Jury to Return Verdict of Not Guilty—Another Charge Against Defendant.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Greensboro, N. C., December 12.—In the Federal court this morning, Judge Boyd, in the white slave traffic cases against Napier and Quaster, who have been on trial since last Thursday, instructed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty, thereby sustaining the defendants' demurrer to the evidence. Quaster was discharged, but Napier was held on an indictment charging him with a man named Duke, with using the mails to defraud, and charged defense before the ordering from different diamond dealers of diamonds of extra and common quality, and upon receiving consignments by express, substituting the common for the extra, paying prices for the common and returning to the firm sending the extra quality the common quality, and forwarding to the firm which sent the common diamonds the price for these. District Attorney Holton called this case, but on motion of Napier's counsel, the court granted the January term of court, defendant depositing a thousand-dollar cash bond.

Judge Boyd said this was the first case tried under the slave traffic act, and it was clear that Congress never contemplated the regulation of the morals of people traveling from one State to another. If so, it could not thus encroach upon the reserved right of States to exclusive police power. Non-enforcement of State law was no justification for invoking the aid from a Federal court, it having no right or power to thus invade the principle of States' rights.

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## EASTERN LEAGUE DEPOSES POWERS

Edward Barrow, of Toronto, Is Elected President—Season Opens April 20.

New York, December 12.—The Eastern League of professional baseball clubs met in annual convention to-day at the Hotel Victoria, ousted Patrick T. Powers, of Jersey City, from the presidency, which he had held for sixteen years, and elected Edward G. Barrow, of Toronto, recently manager of the Montreal club, to the position. For the first time in the history of the Eastern League, its session was attended and closely watched by the press of the two major leagues.

The national agreement expires with the close of next season, and there is expectation that the Eastern, now in a prosperous condition, will demand recognition as a major league, ranking with the American and National. With the new president selected, the league decided on a 154-game schedule for next season. The meeting to fix the schedule is to be in Baltimore on February 6. The season is to start on April 20. A number of protests against business will be considered to-morrow. The National League meeting is also scheduled for to-morrow.

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## VALLEY SCHOOL COMES TO FRONT

Staunton Military Academy Breaks Into Basketball, With Good Schedule.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Staunton, Va., December 12.—Games with Georgetown University of Tennessee, Maryland Agricultural College and other big schools will add to the present high athletic standing of the Staunton Military Academy, while furnishing to lovers of the game what promises to be a really great basketball season.

With the reopening of school after the Christmas holidays the season will be ushered in with a game with Belgrade College. But for the fact that the school does not reopen until January 5 the schedule would include a game with the University of Pennsylvania, the management having asked for a game on the 1st. But even without this game the schedule as it stands is sufficient to insure the fastest season in the history of Staunton Military Academy athletics, and enthusiasts look forward with confidence to seeing good basketball. The schedule is as follows:

January 10—Bridgewater College.  
January 13—Hamden-Sidney.  
January 17—Shenandoah Collegiate Institute.  
January 24—Emory and Henry College.  
January 26—Maryland Agricultural College.  
February 3—Georgetown University.  
February 7—Roanoke College.  
February 10—University of Virginia (not closed).  
February 14—Jefferson High School.  
February 16—University of Tennessee.

February 21—Wake Forest, N. C.  
February 23—Rensselaer Polytechnic College.

With the exception of the one with Jefferson School, all games will be played in Staunton.

Athletics Defeat Cubans.

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## YES, SIR, WHITMAN HAS FALLEN, TOO

He and His Trustees of The Times-Dispatch Team Fall Easy Victims to Jewelers.

And there is woe in the camp. Whitman, even he, the mighty leader who has fought his way through many battles and has left his victims bleeding and dismembered in the arena, has fallen. It all happened on the Newport Bowling Alleys last night. Whitman is the leader of The Times-Dispatch bowling team. He has declared loud and long what he would do to Spilling, his sometime teacher, and captain of the Jewelers, in the bowling league of the Richmond Bowling Association.

Well, it's a sad story, but worth the telling. As before related, Whitman and Spilling met last night. Of course, this is in purely a Pickwickian sense, for they really did not meet at all. They simply bowled against each other, aided and abetted by their teammates. Then came the tears, and the wailing and gnashing of teeth—for Whitman and his braves. Yes, sir, the redoubtable and undefeated Whitman rolled exactly 167 in ten tries in the first game, and his followers destined to let their chief be in reality chief, rolled just a little less.

But why string out the pitiful tale? Whitman and his trustees lost each of the three games. There is little else to tell. Read the scores and you will find that they came not even close. It was an awful slaughter of the innocents. The Jewelers simply mowed them down in crowds. Indeed, it was pitiful, and then some. All three games, and it was Whitman, too. But here is the score, so you can learn. But wait until next time, and the score will be different. That's what they all say. The scores and standing of the clubs:

**TIMES-DISPATCH.**

First Second Third Game Game Game Total  
Whitman ..... 167 210 201 568  
(captain)  
Barrow ..... 137 135 140 412  
Davis ..... 105 126 147 418  
Dixie ..... 125 126 146 397  
Bailey ..... 142 149 129 419

690 742 783 2,215

**JEWELERS.**

First Second Third Game Game Game Total  
Spilling (capt.) ..... 141 139 121 401  
Sutterlin ..... 166 170 162 498  
Williams ..... 165 133 180 478  
Billey ..... 166 147 155 468  
Beel ..... 135 135 165 435

706 775 821 2,302

**STANDING OF THE CLUBS.**

Meat Packers ..... 3 0 1,093  
Jewelers ..... 4 2 667  
Knights ..... 2 1 657  
Times-Dispatch ..... 3 4 339  
Amer. Loco. Works ..... 1 5 158  
Plumbers ..... 0 0 600

**CALL FOR CONVENTION.**

Democrats of Louisa Adopt Resolutions at Mass-Meeting.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Louisa, Va., December 12.—A mass-meeting of the Democrats of Louisa county was held here to-day, with Hon. Carl Nolting in the chair, and H. H. Crawford acting as secretary. The principal speaker was L. Gordon, Jr., who forcibly advocated the calling of a State convention, and resolutions endorsing such a convention, to be held in Richmond on April 6, were adopted. The resolutions also declare that a legalized primary is necessary to the principle of protection as robbery, deplore the failure of the Legislature to ratify the income tax amendment to the Federal Constitution, favor the election of United States Senators by the people, and insist that the temperance question should not be made a party issue.

It is nothing new that salary limits are overstepped wherever there is a salary limit. But it is rarely the case that these salary limits are overstepped by the consent of the man who is at the head of league affairs. The several teams in the Virginia League have since the league was first formed continually spent more money than the law of the league allowed, and it is for this reason that the league affairs became so much involved.

It is true that not a single team in the league will live within the salary limit, and that the president of the league will wink at infractions of the salary limit, but the league is in far worse shape to-day than it has been for some time. The league is in a state of financial collapse, and it is only by enforcing the salary limit as strictly as possible and by keeping the several teams as nearly within the salary limit as is humanly possible will the fans get a good article of ball.

**Must Evenly Match Teams.**

Baseball is not good sport unless the teams are evenly matched. And if you are going to start your season by admitting that the several clubs in the league can take the bribe between their teeth and make a mad dash for something, then the principle of the game is gone. Baseball, but you are not running the league right on the shoals and the league is going to founder. That's the reason and it's common sense.

I do not mean to say that some of the teams will not exceed the salary limit. There has never been a time in any league in which this did not happen. But it is an easy matter to tell which teams are living within their means and which clubs are exceeding the allotted amount. It is the duty of the president to call attention to these infractions of the laws of the league, and C. R. Williams is going to come mighty near doing it. The interests of the game demand it.

What we want is good, clean baseball; the kind of baseball that will make it possible for any team in the league to have a chance at the pennant. Under any other conditions the fans won't go to see the games, and that's the end of it. If the league is prospering enough to expend more money for players, hold a meeting and increase your salary limit. True Richmond and Norfolk and Portsmouth. If that city gets in the league, we will be able to spend more money than the other cities, but no chain is stronger than its weakest link, and it is for the weaker clubs, financially, that the limit is placed. Nor can you have a league without these weaker clubs.

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## WILL SALARY LIMIT BE MERELY SUBTERFUGE?

League Is Certainly Destined to Crumble if Magistrates Are Not Made to Realize That They Must Obey the Law—Williams Will Enforce Rules.

BY GUS MALBERT.

Of all the silly, babyish prattle that has ever gone the rounds of the press none is quite so foolish as the unsupported statement that President C. R. Williams, of the Virginia State League, will not attempt to enforce the salary limit adopted by the magistrates at the meeting held early in the fall.

It is a statement that I for one am in favor of deposing Williams and letting him go on his way. But I have no idea that the statement is true. Nor has any one else who knows Williams. It is better than a 100 to 1 bet that he will not only exert every effort to enforce the salary limit, but that he will call to task those managers who overstep the limit.

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